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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged sufficient to ample for the fair demand. Light type fowl were about adequate for regular processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good and noted as improved with retail features providing additional consumer interest. Food service movement was at times light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were irregular when compared to Friday's reported price with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading and demand were quiet. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	43-45	LARGE	22-29	24
LARGE	39-47	41-44	MEDIUM	7-11	9
MEDIUM	24-30	27-29	SMALL	2-4	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Retail and distributive demand remained light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for a fair demand. Light type hens were about adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-58	47-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	25-38	30-32

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good, usually moderate to at times fairly good with retail features providing the best consumer interest. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices ranged irregular when compared to Friday's reported prices with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading and demand were quiet. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
LARGE	44.5-53	46-49
MEDIUM	28.5-37	30-33

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to available for the fair demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-62.25	47-50
LARGE	44-59	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-40	28-32

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was at best steady at current levels. Retail demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	37-41

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Extra large and large prices 6 cents lower, mediums down 5 cents. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand moderate to fairly good with scattered feature activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-53	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-48
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

**WESTERN** Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last week with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 3%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium, and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	86
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
JUMBO	249-347	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	
LARGE	199-239	NOT AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-205	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 22, 2004 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 15, 2004 were 222,024 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	185,115	36,909	222,024

% change from the prior week.....	-11	-3	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged irregular when compared to last Friday's reported prices with checks and undergrades unchanged. Spot trading and demand were quiet as most breakers awaited leveling prices for breaking stock and further processed product before making any further market decisions. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales of spent hens were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings for spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal and noted as clearing. Schedules were increased at some slaughter operations. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.5 CENTS/LB.	10-11	10.84

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.43
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCTOBER 18, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	27.2	7.1	13.2	71.5
	Change	-1.0	-6.6	0.8	2.1	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.0	56.5	18.5	31.4	170.8
	Change	-0.9	-9.2	3.3	5.1	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	82.4	164.3	63.3	121.5	550.2
	Change	29.2	20.8	-11.4	21.1	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	53.5	13.5	25.7	144.2
	Change	-3.8	-4.0	-8.5	1.9	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	14.9	3.0	5.6	32.9
	Change	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-3.3	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	33.4	6.1	16.5	64.8
	Change	-0.4	1.9	-0.6	-0.1	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.3	44.1	34.2	38.7	176.1
	Change	1.5	3.6	2.0	-4.3	1%
Total	Curr Wk	168.7	393.9	145.7	252.6	1210.5
Percent	Change	2%	2%	-9%	10%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1210.5	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	279.4	-3%	35

Total Shell Egg 1489.9 1% 208  
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA
165.7	387.6	160.5	230.2	245.8	1189.8

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 04, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 04, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 15, 2004

CURRENT LOADS							14.00		FUTURE LOADS							4.75		TOTAL LOADS							18.75	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GNR W 1	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00									
GL W XL	—	—	35.00	37.00	32.25	—	4.00	GL W XL	39.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.50	2.00									
GL W LG	—	—	33.00	35.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.50	3.00									
GL W MD	—	—	28.50	30.00	—	—	1.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	34.00	2.00										
NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	2.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/11/04-10/15/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
91.25								35.00								126.25							
SE				NE		MW						SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	26.00	—		25.70	27.17	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	3.00							
GNR W 2	—	—		23.50	25.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	39.06	—	—	47.00	—	44.18	9.50							
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—	—	39.00	1.00	GL W LG	32.79	—	—	49.00	—	40.71	5.50							
GL W J	—	—		47.00	48.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	23.70	—	—	—	31.80	32.76	8.50							
GL W XL	—	40.00		36.55	38.00	34.13	38.75	34.00															
GL W LG	—	45.00		30.60	32.15	—	34.00	14.75															
GL W MD	24.00	—		23.75	25.00	—	27.00	6.00															
GL W SM	—	22.00		22.00	24.79	18.50	20.00	5.50															
GL BR LG	—	41.00		—	—	—	—	1.00															
NRBS - 48	24.64	26.50		29.17	30.33	31.33	29.85	46.00															
NRBS - 45	—	—		24.50	26.00	22.00	27.00	3.00															
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—	—	17.82	11.00															
NRBS - 39	—	—		18.50	20.00	19.00	21.00	6.50															
NRBS - 36	—	—		12.50	14.00	—	—	.50															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/11/04	10/04/04	10/13/03
PACIFIC COAST	130	127	133
LOS ANGELES	96	96	74

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small, sharply lower on the balance of sizes. Supplies are ample. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	63.63
LARGE	61.63
MEDIUM	45.63
SMALL	39.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/12/2004

Report Period: 9/26/2004 - 10/02/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	327	327
Arkansas	0	0	675	675
Colorado	0	3,330	4,078	7,408
Indiana	0	0	780	780
Iowa	2,890	8,770	43,576	55,236
Michigan	0	0	1,608	1,608
Minnesota	4,085	780	3,150	8,015
Missouri	0	0	2,100	2,100
Nevada	0	0	900	900
Ohio	0	0	1,543	1,543
Oregon	2,361	0	0	2,361
South Dakota	715	0	504	1,219
Texas	0	0	1,470	1,470
Utah	1,264	2,320	8,644	12,228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,315</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>69,355</b>	<b>95,870</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>11,315</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>69,355</b>	<b>95,870</b>